LATE WEATHER REPORT. (By telegraph to the Dispatch.) (By telegraph to the Dispatch.)
Washington, March 25-1 A. M.—
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For North Carolina and South Carolina, fair weather, stationary temperature on the coast, colder in the interior, nerthwesterly winds.

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HELDERS OF THIS COMPANY YESTERDAY. Reports of the President and General

Manager Showing the Workings of the Road, &c.

The adjourned annual meeting of the stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company was held in the office of Secretary Wellford, Pace's Block, at 12 o'clock noon yesterday. Major John Page occupied the chair and Messrs. C. P. Wellford and John arrett acted as secretaries.

It having been ascertained that

quorum was present, General Wickham read the report of the president and directors, and also the report of the second vice-president, both of which were adopted.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The report of President Huntington shows that the company owns the fol-lowing routes of railway, all laid with steel rails: Phoebus to Old Point, 7.84 miles : Newport News to Huntington, 494.05 miles; Huntington to Big Sandy river, 4.88-total, 510.77; branches and

The president says that the organiza-The president says that the organiza-tion of the Newport-News and Missis-sippi-Valley Company, which contem-plated the unification in interest and management of the several lines of railway and other transportation interests of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company and its western dependencies, having been perfected, your Board en-tered into a lease with that company for the operation of this property for a period of two hundred and fifty years, commencing with July 1, 1886, by the commencing with July 1, 1886, by the terms of which the lessee is to keep the property in good repair, to operate, maintain, add to, and better the same as the business of the road may from time to time require, and to apply the remaining surplus to the payment of its equipment trust bonds and interest thereon.

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The report, continuing, says: The surplus for the year was \$1,133,561.95. From this surplus had to be met the current and past-due obligations of the company, amounting to \$1,334,469.96, showing a deficit of \$191,408.01. The company failed to earn the 7 per cent. interest paid on Series B bonds May 1st and the 14 per cent, paid November 1st. and the 13 per cent, paid November 1st by the sum of \$191,408.01, even after applying the earnings over operating expenses in the months of November and December towards the obligations for the year. This leaves applicable to-wards the interest maturing on said bonds on May, 1, 1887, only the sur-plus of the first four months' operations in 1887. We should, however, take cognizance of the fact that the above statement included \$110,210 for interest paid and charged against the operations of the year 1886 that had accrued in 1885, and that the payments for equip-ment have been somewhat larger than

In speaking of the company's bonds the president has the following to say: A proposition was made in July last to the holders of Series B bonds to reduce the rate of interest on their holdings to 4 per cent. per annum, at the same time extending the maturity of the bonds one hundred years from May 1, 1886, in consideration of which stock of the Newport-News and Mississippi-Valley Company equal to 25 per cent, of their holding would be issued to the holders

of the bonds.

At the same time it was proposed to the holders of the currency bonds of 1918 to exchange their bonds for stock of the Newport-News and Mississippi-Valley Company at the rate of \$125 of stock for \$100 of the bonds. This proposition has already been accepted by a classes of securities, and the ultimate success of the plan is substantially assured. The floating debt of the company amounts to \$2,221,096,36, an in-crease of \$219,891.63 over 1885, which

principally arises from the purchase of additional rolling stock. Attention is called to the fact that rates on through business are so low that the company will have to make heavy expenditures, absorbing a portion of this year's revenues, equipping the road with sidings, double track, terminal facilities, and rolling stock to handle traffic at minimum cost and move a large volume of sufficient profit to earn the interest at the reduced

The freight received and forwarded t Newport News during the year aggregated 835,710 tons, an increase of 248,110 tons, or 42.2 per cent. over 1885. The advantages of this port are becoming more generally known and ap-preciated by both foreign and domestic hippers, and we expect a steady yearly increase in the business handled through

that port. THE INTER-STATE COMMERCE BILL. President Huntington, in concluding his report, says: "It is difficult to an-ticipate the effect of the inter-State commerce law upon the future earn-

ings of this property, but it is fair to conclude that the intention of this law was not to effect a general reduction of railroad carnings, but rather to equalize rates. Any other conclusion will necessitate the conclusion that the law tate the commerce of the country, and we cannot believe that such was the

The report of General Williams C. Wickham, second vice-president of the company, and general manager as well, shows that the earnings for the year were: Freight, \$3,319,371.45; passenger, \$630,573.70; mail, express, &c., \$146,103.40 — total, \$4,096,048.55—an

The freight earnings have increased by the sum of \$679,802.25, or 25.75 per ent. Of the total revenue tonnage for the year 28.89 per cent. was through freight, 42.72 per cent. coal, and 28.39 per cent. other local freight. The total number of tons carried was 2,174,523, or an increase of 17.54 per cent. over the previous year. The average haul per ton was 281.89 miles—an increase of 22.31 miles, or 8.59 per cent. per ton

The passenger earnings have increased by the sum of \$60,392.39, or 10.59 per cent. The total number of passengers carried during the year was 565,848 an increase as compared with the previ-ous year of 63,075, or 12.54 per cent. Of this number 505,014, or 89.25 per cent., were local passengers and 60,-834, or 10.75 per cent., were through

passengers. COST OF OPERATIONS.

The operating expenses absorbed 70.01 per cent. of the gross earnings, against 70.63 per cent. in 1885, and were as follows in 1886: For conducting transportation, \$1,045,871.18; for mo-

transportation, \$1,045,871.18; for motive power, \$889,201.74; for maintenance of cars, \$371,311.88; for maintenance of way, \$488,658.56; for general expenses, \$72,938.62—total, \$2,867,981.98. Total increase, \$433,822.05.

The report at some length explains to what was due the increase in the opeating expenses. The heaviest increase was 46.34 per cent. in maintenance of cars, and this is thus accounted for:

There were at the ending of 1835

674 cars out of service. This number has been reduced to 50, besides keeping up the repairs on the cars in regular service, and also because the increase in the company's business required it to lease during 1886, from time to time, a number of cars, whose rental was charged to this account.

The physical condition of the road has been very much improved by the expenditures on account of putting in cross ties and new rails, and repairs to telegraph lines.

telegraph lines.

PAST AND PUTURE,

The report, in conclusion, says:
Important repairs have been made on the following bridges: South Anna, Little river, Rivanna, Mechum's river, South river, First Jackson's river, Third Jackson's river, Third Jackson's river, Third Dunlop's creek, First Laurel creek, First Mud river, and Second Mud river. And considerable repairs have also been done on the following trestles: Blow's Mill, McLean's, Diascond, Chicka-hominy A and B, Gillie's creek, Ronce verte saw-mill (near Talcott), near Quinnimont, Big creek, Hurricane, and

We will require in the year 1887 350, 000 cross-ties for repairs of main track and existing sidings and 2,500 tons of 611-pound steel rail to take out older and lighter rails in the main track, which, when taken out, we will use for repairs of old and construction of new sidings. We expect to put in a con-siderable amount of gravel and rock ballast during the season, regarding that as essential to the perfection of the track. Of course a due regard to the amount which we can afford to expend will be had in petting the ballast

CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT. There was expended for this account the sum of \$123,046.80, the principal items being wharves at Newport News, as follows: On Pier No. 1, \$11,071.30; on Pier No. 2, \$13,936.25; on coal pier, \$116.07. Total, \$25,123.71.

The company creosoted at its own works at Newport News 37,869 lineal feet of piles, at a cost of \$9,733.67. At Money Point there was crossoted by the Cld Dominion Creosote-Works, for use at our Newport-News wharves, 16,-278 lineal feet of piles at a cost of \$3,581.69. Three hundred and ninety-six cubic yards of rock was used in filling Pier No. 1, and 108 cubic yards at Pie No. 2. In Pier No. 1 we drove 28,311 lineal feet of creosoted piles, and in Pier No. 221,735 lineal feet of creo-

A tobacco storage-shed was built at A topacco storage-shed was built at Newport News at a cost of \$11,879,23. An iron bridge, costing \$5,871.35, was erected over Cowpasture river. In Great Bend tunnel 2601 lineal feet

of arching was done at a cost of \$12,-261.57, and in Kelly's tunnel 56 lineal feet of arching was put in at a cost of For ballast and ballasting was ex-

pended \$3,441.93; new machinery for Richmond and Huntington shops, \$20,-176.33; crossing-gates at Richmond, \$1,748.33; passenger-station at Waynesboro Junction, \$2,068.01; water-stations, \$2,952.61; telegraph lines, \$3,618.12; and for sidings, aggregating 4.32 miles, \$23,061.74.

CONTEMPLATED IMPROVEMENTS. It is necessary to put up at Newport News an additional coal pier of say 275 feet in length, and to lay a considerable number of side tracks in the yard for the greater dispatch of business at that point, and provide additional storage room for export freight. A small pier for the special use of our

passenger steamers between Newport as given by Mr. R. H. Jones, the prosecuting attorney, in his brief to the Supreme Court: oad it is necessary to lay some eighteen miles of side tracks, so as to fa-cilitate the handling of trains by having frequent passing points conveniently arranged for that purpose. It is also contemplated to put up coaling stations for engines at Providence Forge, at Ronceverte, and at Huntington. This will greatly diminish the distance which we have to haul our fuel for engines and greatly facilitate coaling engines,

particular.

The acquisition of additional rolling stock will necessitate the erection of a paint-shop at Huntington and the extension of the machine-shop to the length of 300 feet. A considerable portion of our passenger equipment has been in service for a number of years, and is in that condition when it is unwise to expend much in rebuilding it, and from ten to twelve new cars should be added to the equipment in

the coming spring.

There is in the shops material for four new baggage- and express-cars. Ten consolidated freight engines have been ordered for delivery during the earlier months of 1887. The estimates for new work required to handle the present traffic of the road with dispatch and economy aggregate \$275,000, and for new locomotives and passenger equipment \$150,000, a total of \$125,-000. Should our business increase materially additional expenditures will be

EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION.

With the additions and improve ments that I have mentioned I am sat-isfied that we will be able to handle promptly and successfully during the year 1887 the business of the road. On the whole I regard the results of the year's transactions as favorable. Our business in coal was considerably affected by a strike amongst the miners on New river, which lasted for say about two months of the best portion

of the year.

The ontlook is, I am inclined to think, much more favorable for the business of the year 1887 than it was for the business of the year 1886.

Our employés are working faithfully and in good spirit, and I anticipate de-cidedly better results from the current than from the past year. I have been ably sustained by my subordinates with scarcely an exception, and I return in this manner my thanks

to them for their cooperation. LEASE CONFIRMED. General Wickham offered the following, which was adopted: Resolved, That the agreement of

lease bearing date June 15, 1886, entered into between this company and the Newport-News and Mississippi-Valley Company be, and the same is, hereby ratified, approved, and con-

Mr. C. E. Wortham offered the fol-Adolphe Low, A. S. Hatch, Elias S. Higgins, John Castree, A. E. Orr, Ex. Norton, Isaac E. Gates, Edward T.

Tournier, of New York; W. C. Wiek-ham, and John Echols, of Virginia, be elected directors of this company for the ensuing year.

The resolution was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

An entertainment will be given at Sänger Hall to-night for the benefit of Sänger Hall to-night for the benefit of the Richmond Eye and Ear Infirmary—a deserving institution. Mr. Hey, the popular humorist of Washington, will participate, and the comedy "A Pretty Piece of Business," with Missas Cora Lathrop, Hattie Blankenship, and Phobe Florence, and Messrs, Clarence Dearborn and Charles Ellyson in the cast, will be presented. It is hoped the performance will be well attended.

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PURYEAR MUST HANG THE SUPREME COURT REFUSES TO GRANT HIM A NEW TRIAL.

RICHMOND, VA., FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 1887.

In an Elaborate Opinion, Deliverel by Judge Lacy, the Lower Court is Affirmed on Every Point.

The Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia yesterday rendered its decisio in the case of Holmes R. Puryear vs. The Commonwealth. The opinion was delivered by Judge Lacy for the court, and sfirms the ruling of Judge Han cock, of the Circuit Court of Prince George county, by whom the case was tried, on every point. The paper is a very elaborate one, and contains an exhaustive review of the case.

· GROUNDS FOR A NEW TRIAL Purvear was indicted for poisoning his wife June 13, 1885, in the County Court of Dinwiddie county. Heelected to be tried in the Circuit Court of that county, and upon the calling of the case there he moved for a change of venue to Prince George county on account of prejudice against him in Dinwiddie. This motion was granted, and the trial

occurred in Prince George. He was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. In the application to the Court of Appeals for a writ of error he assigned seven grounds of error upon exceptions the seven from the Girent Court. The tions taken in the Circuit Court. The first was that the Court of Dinwiddie did not order a jury to be summoned from another county to try him in that county. But this was only overruled by the Circuit Court upon the ground that it was premature, and first examined the venire already summoned upon their voice dire. Failing to find a qualified jury in Dinwiddie, upon the motion of the accused the venire was changed and the case heard in Prince George, When an empanelled jury George. When an empanelled jury was obtained the court held that it was

The second ground was that the statements of his dying wife were admitted, they being made in his prescuee and not denied by him. These were held admissible by the Court of Appeals on three grounds—first, charges not denied; second res gesta; and third, dying declarations

not error to the prejudice of the ac-

The third bill claimed that the Court did not allow the letter of the deceased threatening to kill herself to be read during the rendition of the Common-wealth's testimony. It was all after-The fourth bill alleged that the in

dictment was informal. This, upon a motion after verdict for arrest of judge ment, was held sufficient, and that there was no uncertainty in the indictment.

The fifth ground was that the verdict was contrary to the law and the The Court reviewed the evidence and

the Court reviewed the evidence and held the verdict right.

The sixth bill is based upon the ground that one of the jury had been convicted of a felony, but the juror had been pardoned in 1868, and the pardon had restored his citizenship. The seventh and last ground was that the Commonwealth's attorney referred to the character of the accused in his

speech, but the Court stopped him before he had said what his character was. HISTORY OF THE CASE. The following is a history of the case,

and they left the store and went a-dishing.

POISON IN A TORDY.

Between 8 and 9 o'clock on this morning (Saturday, June 13, 1885.) Frank Pritchett who lived about one hundred and fifty yards from Puryear's store, heard Puryear calling Lucy Sturdivant, a colored woman, who was washing out in front of Prichett's house, and told her to tell Uncle Frank (Pritchett) to store he heard some one "hollowing." He did not know who or where it was, but it sounded like it was in a close place. As he approached he discovered that the "hollowing was in the store. He saw Puryear walk to the well, draw some water, and drink out of the bucket. After quietly wiping his mouth be spoke to Pritchett, and said to him; "Emma is mightly had off; I want you to go in and see if you can do anything for her." He then showed Pritchett into Mrs. Puryear's room, which was fastened up closely. Mrs. Puryear was lying on the bod, and when she saw Pritchett she reached out both hands, called him to her, and caught hold of his whirt-elevers. Just then she had a fit. When she came to she told him to rub her with camphor. Puryear was in the room. There was no camphor there, so Puryear went to Pritchett's house and got some. (Martha Pritchett estilied that she came back from her father's (Frank Pritchett) house with Puryear.] Pritchett's hands were soiled, so Puryear rubbed his wife's face with the camphor. She said she was burning up, and told them to fan her. Puryear brought a fan and began to fan her. She then turned her head on the pillow, looked up at him, and said: "Holmes, don't you fan me; you've did enough to me this morning." He said, "Why, Emma, do you think I've did anything to you killed me in that toddy you gave me this morning. He put his hands upon his head and walked out into the stere-room, and as he was bound to the him leave her. Puryear then sent a note by Martha Pritchett testified that, in her lucid moments, she repeatedly made the charge in Puryear's presence and hearing that he had walked of the deceased was begging for a do

of the room, saying "Lord, Lord," &c.

Rosina Robertson testified that as she got there she met Furyear coming out of Mrs. Puryear's room into the store-room. He remained in the store-room—about fifteen or twenty feet from where his wife was lying. When Rosina came in Mrs. Puryear said to her, in a tone of voice so load that might have been heard sixty yards, 'that she was bound to die; that Holmes had done it that moroing in a toddy he had given her; that she would not mind dying, but she was a poor sinner," &c. She showed Rosina the glass in which the toddy was; she told her if she did not believe that the toddy was killing her just to teste it. In the bottom of this glass witness saw a slight sediment of something which tooked like soda. On the trial she identified this glass as the out the contents of which Dr. Taylor analyzed—the one in which strychnine was feund.

Mrs. Kild, another witness, said that she came to the store and asked Puryear if Frank Pritchett was there. Puryear said yes, and that he was in Mrs. Puryear's room. She weat in the room and Mrs. Puryear told her she was tolerably well that morning, and that Holmes gave her a glass of toddy, which put her in the act she was in—having fits. Puryear usade no denial when his wife said that the toddy he had given her contained the fatal drug. LOOKED LIKE SODA.

Other Cases. Bradley against Bradley. From the

Circuit Court of Prince William county.

Affirmed, Judge Fauntleroy delivering the opinion; Judge Lacy not sitting in the case.

Mills, administrator, against Talley's administrator. From the Circuit Court of Hancour county.

of Hanover county. Reversed, Julge Hinton delivering the opinion.

Davis against Chapman. From the Circuit Court of Fairfax county. Affirmed, Judge Fauntleroy delivering the opinion.

Davis against City of Lynchburg.
Argued by Major T. J. Kirkpatrick for
plaintiff in error and R. G. H. Kean,
Esq., for defendant in error.

SECRET LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Long Conference of Democrats Las Night : Another To-Day. A special cancus of the Democratic members of the Legislature was held in

the hall of the House of Delegates last night. The object of the meeting was ostensibly the consideration of the cablegram received by Governor Lee from the Council of Foreign Bondholders and sent to the Legislature yesterday, for when the caucus adjourned the night before it was with the stated intention of not meeting again before next Wednesday.

The same bonds of secrecy were placed on the legislators last night as before, and only members and Sergeant at Arms Hill were inside the hall.

The caucus met at 8 o'clock, and continued in session over three hours. The debt question was exhaustively dis-cussed, the Rhea constitutional amendment and the question of the appointment of a commission to confer with the foreign bond-holders taking the conspicuous lead. While the former is in decided favor, yet the drift of opinion seems to be towards the latter—that is, there appears a disposition to hold the constitutional amendment in abeyance and appoint a commission to confer with a similar commission from the foreign bondholders, provided the latter send their representatives here. But the commission is to be clothed with no authority to confirm any settlement, but only to formulate the plan of one agreeable and equitable to both parties and present it to the General Assembly for ratification.

Senator Hurt and Delegate Darst pre sided and Senator Lovenstein acted as secretary during the evening. Among the speakers were Messrs. Diggs, Stubbs, Buchanan, Figgat, A. Fulkerson, and Barbour.

The attendance was quite large, but many members left before the caucus adjourned. The hall was very warm and the rotunda of the Capitol was much frequented by members.

Mr. Figgat, of Fincastle, held the floor leaves then any other speaker. floor longer than any other speaker, and antagonized Mr. Fulkerson's views

in support of the Riddleberger bill. Mr. Figgat, it seemed, favored a com-

promise of the debt with the creditors, even at two cents on the dollar if the creditors would accept so little. Before the cancus adjourned it was agreed to meet to-day at 4 o'clock, when the discussion will be resumed. It is probable a special session of the two houses will be held to-night to re-ceive and consider the report of what is

lone at this evening's conference. Mr. Bernard Doswell's Stables. The following horses are being trained by Mr. Bernard Doswell at his place in Hanover:

Maid of the Mist, c. m., by Eolus,

THREE-YEAR-OLDS.
Branch, b. c., by Duke of Montrose, Seed Tick, b. c., by Eolus, dam Sco-Queen Mab, c. f., by Harry B., dam

iam Her Sister.

Thriftless, ch. f., by Spendthrift, dam Potash. TWO-YEAR OLDS. Yorick, g. c., by Baden-Badem, dam

Groverton, black c., by Eolus, dam John D., b. c., by Eolus, dam Hellen Dance.
Young Mr. Doswell is the son of
Major Thomas W. Doswell, and is

verily "a chip of the old block." He has shown great aptitude for direction in the handling and training of horses. and it is not improbable that he will show many winners in the coming contests for the spring and summer meet-A special meeting of the Board of Directors and the several committees having in charge the arrangements for the coming convention will be held at the American Hotel to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. A full report of the progress of these committees and the plans adopted by them for the enter-tainment of the members attending this convention will be submitted to the division at their next meeting

(April 1st) for approval. Post B, of Norfolk, at their annual meeting held on Thursday, March 18th, by a unani-mous vote decided to attend the convention in a body. Post A, of Lynchburg, will take some action in the mat-ter at their annual meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 2d. Staunton. Petersburg, and Danville will each send a good delegation. Interesting Meeting at Marshall-Street Christian Church. A very interesting meeting has been going on at Marshall-Street Christian congress of the last two weeks, conducted by Elders L. A. Cutler and W. J. Cocke. Twenty-two persons have confessed the Lord Jesus and have been baptized. The church is crowded

at every service. Mr. Cocke is preach ing with very great power and accept-ance. He will preach his farewell sermon to-night. Services begin prompt The comedy-drama called "Pert has been playing to large houses this week. Little Miss Ollie Redpath, who takes the part of Pert the waif, is only ease and unconscious naturalness which would be creditable to a grown and ex-

perienced actress. She is well sup-ported and the play throughout is en-The following cases were disposed of vesterday:

August Piggle, vagrant. Ordered to leave town in twenty-four hours.
Thomas Turner (colored), trespaupon the premises of Isaiah Uses and using indecent language to his wife. Continued until to-day. Isaac Thurston (colored), drunk Fined \$2 and costs.

James Henry Childs (colored) tres

passing on the premises of James Sweeney and attempting to steal a horse and buggy, the property of Emil Pohlig. Continued until to-day. Charles Kidd, assaulting, beating, and wounding Joseph Yates with a rock. Dismissed. Joseph Yates (colored), assaulting and beating Charles Kidd with a rock.

Christian Cooper (colored), assaulting and beating his wife. Dismissed.

William Hickman (colored), careless and reckless driving on the street and driving over the child of E. W. Kelley.

Dismissed.

STATE COMMITTEE. MEITING OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEAD-ERS AT THE EXCHANGE HOTEL.

A Convention to be Called-The Time and Place to be Decided Later.

The State Democratic Committee met yesterday at noon in the Exchange Hotel. After being called to order the

members present: Of the Executive Committee-Messrs. Barbour (chairman), of Alexandria; Watts, of Portsmouth; Burke, of Staunton; Lee, of Fairfax; Gordon, of Rappahannock; Venable, of Peters-

Of the Central Committee-Messrs. Jones, of Richmond county; Bryant, of Southampton; Tyler, of Charles City; Chalmers, of Isle of Wight; Duke, of Portsmouth; Nash, of Richmond; Odell, of New Kent; Smith, of mond; Odell, of New Kent; Smith, of Richmond; Jackson, of Lunenburg; Turnbull, of Brunswick; Page, of Prince George; Blair, of Danville; Boulden, of Halifax; Martin (by proxy), of Charlotte; Moffett, of Hockingham; Walton, of Shenandoah; Martin, of Albemarle; Heaton, of Loudoun; Shackleford, of Orange; Meredith, of Prince William; Avers. Meredith, of Prince William; Ayers, of Scott; Foule, of Staunton (for Me-Allister, of Bath); Edmondson, of Rockbridge; Echols, of Staunton. NEW MEMBERS.

B. F. Bland, of Gloucester, was made a new member vice Garnett, resigned; William McAllister, of Bath, vice Bowler, resigned; J. T. Coleman, of Nelson, vice Horsley, resigned; J. K. Edmondson, of Rockbridge, vice Graham, resigned; Adolphus Gary, of Chesterfield, vice Hancock, resigned; T. S. Martin, of Scottsville, vice White, resigned;

After a full discussion a motion was adopted, by a unanimous vote, calling a State convention of the Democratic party, the time and meeting-place of which is to be determined by the State Executive Committee, and the appointment of delegates is to be on the basis of the last gubernatorial election. THE DEST QUESTION.

The measures affecting the debt pending before the Legislature were dis-cuesed with great earnestness, members from almost every district participating. It was concluded to be nowise in the province of the committee to make any suggestion to the Legislature as to their action upon measures before them, but so far as the expression of opinion went the committee was unanimous in saying that the constitutional amendment

The committee adjourned between 6 and 7 o'clock until 10, when it again reassembled and discussed matters of party interest in connection with the fall campaign, after which it adjourned subject to the call of the chairman. BOND'S DECISION BESTELLED.

Judge Hughes's Special Rule Practice Set Aside. When the argument in Mr. William L. Royall's habeas-corpus case concluded Wednesday afternoon before Judge Hugh L. Bond, of the United States Circuit Court, the Judge said place in Hanover:

FOUR-YEAR-OLDS.

Mamie B., b. m., by Abdel-Cover,
dam Felle of Rock Hill.

Mary Denerty, b. m., by Eolus, dam

Section

Manie B., b. m., by Abdel-Cover,
dam Felle of Rock Hill.

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Judge Hugh L. Bond, of the United
States Circuit Court, the Judge said
that this was an important case and he
would put his opinion in writing. It
was then thought that Judge Bond would render his decision vesterday, but when the court met the Judge said to counsel that he would reserve his decision until he comes here in April.

Mr. Royall mean time is constructively

under charge of the United States mar-

On the 21st of December, 1886, Judge Hughes ordered as a special rule of practice in the Circuit Court that all persons bringing suits at law against officers of the State of Virginia for trespass for levying upon their proper-ty after a tender of the State's taxreceivable coupons be required to deposit their coupons with the clerk of the court. Judge Bond yesterday re-voked and set aside this rule, and in the court. Judge Bond yesterday Fivoked and set aside this rule, and in his written opinion on this subject says:

This is a motion to set aside a rule passed at the last session of the Circuit Court requiring parties who bring actions at law for trespass against treasurers or other collectors of taxes for levying upon their property after the teader of coupons to file such coupons with the cierk, together with the money, if any, tendered at the same time. If these were actions to recover back money palf under duress when coupons were tendered and refused, or were suits to compel treasurers and tax-collectors to receive coupons in payment of taxes, there might be some reason and necessity for the rule. But these actions are in treepass for tort. They are not brought to recover back the money collected by the levy, but to punish the wrongful act. The party suing ewes no taxes, because the collector, by his levy, has paid them, but he is entitled to have any wrong redressed that he may have suffered by the illegal levy. It would be no answer to his suit, nor would it abate it, for the collector to offer to return the property taken upon the collector from making the levy. There the tax-payer must not only allege his tender of coupons, but as they have not been accepted, and the collector is entitled to have them, be must make a pernetual tender of them, which he does by filing them with the clark for the acceptance of the collector whealever he is ready to give a receipt for the taxes due.

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The Judge left the city yesterday for

Last night the members of the Young Men's Christian Association held their monthly meeting. Dr. Moses D. Hoge delivered a delightful talk on his celebrated "Trip to Europe During the War" to get Bibles for the Confederate armies. In the course of his remarks he mentioned the name of the blockaderunner in which he made the outward runner in which he made the outward trip. When the Doctor finished his address a white-haired old gentleman rose and stated that he was the mate of that vessel, and, by a curious coinci-dence, had drifted to the hall to hear an address by the man that he had storned as felly through the Explanation. an address by the man that he had steered safely through the Federal fleet.

Messrs. Thomas H. Hill and W. Cabell Trueman sang Rubinstein's exquisite duet, "The Wanderer's Night-Song," and Mr. Hill sang a sweet tenor solo. Mr. E. B. Kinney, Jr., presided at the organ. The musical part of the programme was arranged by Musical-Director Jefferson Wallace, Esq.

The rooms were crowded to their full capacity by an appreciative audience, and the "March meeting" will be remembered as one of the most pleasant

membered as one of the most pleasant ever held by the Young Men's Christian

To be Reported for Indecency.

There is an exhibition at 1009 east
Main street of what is termed "Professor Charles Schulze's Temple Museum of Anatomy." There having been
considerable talk on the streets concerning the show, and many who entered the house having expressed their
utter disgust at what they saw, Justice
Richardson visited the place on
Wednesday afternoon. His impressions were such that he at once wrote a
letter to the Chief of Police, calling

his attention to the matter, and requesting him to have it looked into and ascertain whether the display was such as should be permitted to be continued in the city. Major Poe directed Captain Angle to make an investigation, and he will report it this morning indecent and detrimental to the mor

FATAL RESULT OF KINDNESS.

Mr. James Johnson, who was hurt at his quarry up on the Danville road Wednesday afternoon and brought to this city, died at his residence, 1509 Beverly street, at 2 o'clock yesterday body took a recess until 4 o'clock, when a call of the roll showed the following

fternoon.
The accident occurred in this manner: Mr. Johnson, who was a member of the firm of Hutchson, Johnson & of the firm of Hutchson, Johnson & Donald, running the stone quarry at Buford Bluff, three and a half miles from Richmond, on the Richmond and Danville road, was up at that place Wednesday afternoon. When the south-bound train was nearing that south-bound train was nearing that point one of the employes was pushing a loaded wheelbarrow across the track. Seeing that the train was nearing rapidly and that this man was ntterly unconscious of his peril, Mr. Johnson ran to his rescue and pulled or pushed him off the track. He then tried to get the wheelbarrow out of the way, and while so doing the train passed, throwing the wheelbarrow off the track and against his abdomen with great force.

Mr. Johnson was at once brought to his home in this city and Dr. Ross attended him. He grew no better, and, as announced above, died yesterday afternoon. Death, it is thought, was probably the result of internal hemor-

thage.
Mr. Johnson, who was only thirtysix years old, was a native of Scotland, but had been a resident of this city for but had been a resident of this city for about fifteen years. He was a gentle-man of integrity and was highly respect-ed and liked by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his sad and untimely death. The funeral will take place from his residence this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Marshall, of Liberty, who has been quite ill at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. T. P. Mathews, of this city, was well enough to sit up a short while yesterday. The hope is enter-tained that she will soon be entirely

Mr. C. H. Hasker, of Union-Station church, has consented to give a magicantern exhibition at Cersley's Hall, the proceeds to be used in the purchase of books for students attending the ight school which is being conducted by Rev. G. H. Wiley who are notable

to purchase them.

Rev. Mr. Shipman, of Richmond, preached a fine sermon at the Baptist hurch last night to a large congrega-The Hustings Court was engaged

yesterday in the consideration of civil Richmond Theatre. To-night Mr. Frederick Warde appears at this place of amusement in "Galba the Gladiator." On the former

production of this piece it proved to be a great success. It has now, it is said,

many attractive additions which add greatly to its general interest. Both Mr. Warde and Miss Eugenia Blair take the chief characters in the play, which in itself is enough to insure its which in itself is enough to insure its success.

Mr. Warde's repertoirs on this, his at 8 P. M. Friday, a full attendecond visit this se tractive one, playing for Saturday mati-née "Delicate Ground" and "The

Taming of the Shrew," and Saturday night "Richard III." When the City Circuit Court met yes terday morning the jury in the case of Lawson Gannaway's administrator vs. The Westham Granite Company was again sent out. After being out for some time the jury returned, unable to agree upon a verdict, and was adjourned over until this morning. This is a suit against the company for \$10,000 dam-ages for the death of Gannaway, who

was killed while working for the pany.
Two or three other cases, all insignifi-cant ones, were disposed of.

New Convicts Received.

The following convicts were delivered The following convicts were derivered at the penitentiary yesterday:
Napoleon Wilkinson (colored), of this city, fourteen years for a rape.
James Adams (colored), from Pittsylvania county, two years for house-

breaking.
Abe Oaks (colored), from Pittsylvanis, two years for housebreaking.

Lawson Terrell (colored), from Pittsylvania, two years for housebreaking. The Fautasma

The Fantasma, which will be presented at the Theatre on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next, and Wednesday matinée, is a spectacular play com-bining the nature of an English pantomime and a modern drama. It is said to take thirty stage-hands to work the machinery besides the large number of performers. It comes commended by the press.

Sons of Temperance Entertainment. Shockoe-Hill Division, Sons of Temperance, gave a concert and banquet last night at Sänger Hall. The programms embraced an address of welcome by Dr. L. B. Edwards, impromptu ad dresses by others, and music by some of our amateur talent. A good supper was served, and the occasion was gen

Ambulance Call. The city ambulance was called to Hargrove's tobacco-factory, on Twenty-eighth street, yesterday afternooh to a colored woman named Georgie Taylor, who was attacked with an epileptic fit. Dr. Rogers rendered the necessary medical attention and carried the woman to her home on Pickett street.

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by unscrupulous dealers who insist upon your taking some cheap and worthless remedy, but insist upon having that old-fashioned (our mothers' cure) Dr. David's Cough Syrup of Horehound, Pure Pine Tar, and Wild Cherry. It is the best known. Only 25 cents a

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Mr. E. Carey, of Erie, Penn., writes

My life was made utterly wretched by it. It was cough, cough, cough, until at times I thought I would choke to death. I tried every remedy, it seems to me—some outside, more inside.

He Replies to Captain Epps He Insists That He Was Be To the Editor of the Dispatch and the

In reply to an article which ap In reply to an article which appeared in your paper this morning—in which Captain Epps is quoted as having said that, a'ter a full investigation, he is satisfied that I lost my money in some other way than being robbed—I wish to reiterate what I have said her to-fore on the subject, which is as fol-lows:

lows:

On Monday morning the 21st instant, shortly after 5 o'clock, I descended the steps to my house leading to the door which opens on Second street. Upon reaching the bottom of the steps I unlocked the door and opened it, and immediately received a blow in the right temple, which knocked me down. I was on my feet again in a second and was on my feet again in a second and seized a man, with whom I had a scuf-fle, in the mean time hallooing for help. As soon as I hallooed for help I received another blow upon the top of my head. After this I remember no-thing that occurred. I have been informed since that I was carried upinformed since that I was carried up-stairs by my wife and daughter in an unconscious condition. I had on my person at the time I was attacked \$147 in currency and a bag of silver containing \$13.85. This bag of silver was found in the street, so I am in-formed, and was returned to me. My currency I have never seen since. I hereto attach two affidavits that the public can read and judge for them-selves, and I challenge from Captain Epps the production of the evidence from which ke has drawn his conclusion from which ke has drawn his conclusion that I was not robbed, but lost my money in some other way. It is but my desire that the public should be informed of and allowed to inspect the evidence in his possession, so that they may be allowed to deduce their own conclusions, and not to be forced to receive the conclusions of Captain Epps without the benefit of the lights before him.

W. J. Park.

State of Virginia, City of Richmond—to wit:

This day personally appeared before me, W.
W. Cosby, Jr., a notary public for the city aforesaid, W. C. Lefebyre and made oath that he
lives at No. 8 north Second street; that on Monday morning the filet instant, between 5 and 6
o'clock, he was waked by some person hallooing; that he got up and went to his front window and looked out, when he saw a colored manstanding in the middle of Second street looking
down the alley. He stood there for a short
while, then turned, walked towards the siddoor to Mr. Parr's house. He stood there for
awhile; then went down the street.

Given under my hand this 24th day of March,
1887.

W. W. Cossy, Jr.,
Notary Public,

State of Virginia, City of Richmond—to wit;

This day personally appeared before me, W. W. Cosby, Jr., a notary public for the city aforeatd, in the State of Virginia, Nosh Dorsan, and mare eath that on Monday morning the list day of March, 1887, about twenty minuties past 5 o'dlock, he was about the middle of the square on hain street between First and Second streets when he beard the cry of murder, lie immediately ran in the direction from which the cry came, when he again heard the cry of murder. He then hallooed himself. By this time he had arrived at the northwest corner of Second and Main streets, when he saw a tail dark-ektuned maa on the top of a man lying partly on the pavement and partly in a door opening on Second street, when he law a tail dark-ektuned maa on the top of a man lying partly on the pavement and a man running across Second street. He then hallooed, and the man who was on the man that was down jumped up and fellowed the one that was running across Second street. They both entered the alley on the east side of Second street. He ran across Second street, and when he got opposite the alley the men had disappeared. He never knew Mr. Parr until after the above occurrence.

Given under my hand the Sath day of March,

rence.

Given under my hand this 24th day of March,
W. W. Cossy, Jr.,
Notary Public. As a matter of importance will come

ance of members is earnestly requ A Little Lame, But Still in the

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